

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL _____

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE 12/10/07

SUBJECT: Education and Career Action Plans (ECAPs)

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MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:

Background Information:

On 9/24/07 the State Board heard a presentation surrounding the research that supports the student Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP) process being completed prior to graduation. During that meeting, the Board requested ADE provide additional research regarding other states that have implemented a student planning process. Additionally, the Board requested a report as to how Arizona districts and schools are currently incorporating the ECAP process.

This updated presentation demonstrates the progress and changes made to the ECAP proposal by ADE since the September SBE meeting. The Innovative and Exemplary (I & E) Programs, Information Technology (IT) and the Career and Technical Education (CTE) units have made a concerted collaborative effort to further research ECAP implementation for Arizona districts and schools. This effort has included supplemental assistance from WestEd and the Arizona School Counselors Association.

In addition to changes in the proposed drafted rule language, this presentation will also include:

- WestEd's list of other states' statutes in relation to ECAPs or personalized learning plans; a visual map of states implementing student plans;
- A matrix that reflects how a variety of Arizona districts, high schools and charter schools are currently implementing some form of a planning process for students;
- A draft of an Arizona ECAP Implementation Plan to provide resources, technical support and professional development, which includes the formation of an Arizona ECAP Design Team of stakeholders (January, 2008).

The practice of incorporating ECAPs into education and career planning process is reflected strongly in the research of Brown University's *Breaking Ranks II*, which is the Department's foundation for its Arizona High School Renewal & Improvement (AZHSRI) initiative. Since 2005, six middle/high school summits with over 2,500 participants, have been organized across the state, with a focus on Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment; Personalizing the Learning Environment and Collaborative Leadership – which are the three core areas of *Breaking Ranks II*. In June, 2007, the AZHSRI Counselor Academy focused on student planning implementation in partnership with the Arizona Counselors Association. Future planned technical assistance and ECAP Summits are reflected in ADE's ECAP Implementation plan.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW**

Open Rule for the required public hearings on ECAPs.

ATTACHMENTS: YES ☒ NO ☐

- A. West Ed's list of states that have implemented education and career planning
(List and map)
- B. Arizona matrix reflecting current user of AZCIS (AZ Career Information System), use of other vendors or individual school planning processes
- C. AZ ECAP Implementation Plan
- D. Revised drafted Rule language